was sudden and unprecedented in the annals of the Agricultural department from the point of view of the intensity of the attack."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, even though a large quantity of insecticide was purchased during the period mentioned by the Hon. Minister, is it a fact that these insecticides were sold because of availability of stock but not for actual use, because they were given the supply only after the havoc and ravage by the insects had been caused to the crops? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have given the figures. About Rs. 27,000 for 1952–53 and Rupees 78,000 for 1953–54 are the sale-proceeds. Thus, from the large quantity of insecticides distributed, the hon. Member can very well see that unless there had been some effective results on account of the application of insecticides, the ryots would not have gone in for it."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, may I know whether any special instructions were issued to see that the insecticide was given to small landholders in preference to big landholders? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is no preference shown for small landholders as against the big landholders. As I said already, it is sold only to those ryots who ask for it."

SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, in view of the statement made by the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture that the pest attack was sudden and unprecedented and was on a large scale, what is the provision made for remission of land tax? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the granting of remission would depend on the remission rules."

*Schemes and plans for four crores of rupees submitted to Union Government.*

* 101 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any request to the Madras State Government from the Union Government to submit schemes and plans for four crores of rupees;

(*b*) if so, what the schemes and plans are which the State Government have submitted to them and what the estimated cost of them is; and

(*c*) when the Government submitted the schemes and plans?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise."